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1. On 15 August 1955 at 1630, 10 x 85-mm AAA guns, approximately 5 AA machine guns, and 40 trucks were entrained at Eberswalde railroad station. The unit came from the direction of Britz.¹
2. On 15 August 1955, a unit consisting of 25 trucks, engineer equipment, and 2 field kitchens was entrained at Eberswalde railroad station.²
3. On 20 August 1955 at 1900, a troop train consisting of 1 boxcar and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 9 x 3-axle amphibious vehicles was observed. The vehicles appeared to be new.³
4. Between 6 and 16 August 1955, the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne (4002) in Bad Freienwalde varied between 1,000 and 1,400 men, because several-day exercises of mixed units at battalion level were held in the Trampe area near Bad Freienwalde. During the last days of the period under review, marching exercises with full field equipment were carried out over a distance of 25 km. every night by columns of 60-100 men. The following heavy weapons and vehicles were seen partly inside, partly outside the barracks installation: 6 x T-34/85s, 3 x ISU-122s, 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 7 x 3-axle armored personnel carriers with mounted machine guns, 4 x 2-axle armored personnel carriers, 2 half-track vehicles with mounted twin-AAA-machine guns, 4 mortars, approximately 85-mm, and 12 side-car motorcycles. The above mentioned AT guns were observed in connection with exercises concerning road marches and the construction of gun emplacements. The driving-school unit continued its activities with approximately 15 trucks, 5 sidecar-motorcycles, and 2 x 2-axle armored personnel carriers.

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On 8 August at approximately 0900, new 3-axle trucks were again unloaded at Bad Freienwalde railroad station. The trucks left for the Panzer Kaserne. The number of vehicles in this installation rose by approximately 40-50%. The old vehicles were still seen in the installation.⁴

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5. On 17 August 1955 at 1100, 20 men were observed practicing with 2 x M-13 rocket launchers in the Honier Kaserne (4502). On 18 August, 8 JS-tanks and a truck were observed

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in the installation.⁵

6. On 19/20 August 1955, the Pionier Kaserne (4502) in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by 700 men at most. No activities or heavy weapons were observed inside or outside the installation.

7. The Braunsdorfer-Strasse Kaserne (4501) in Fuerstenwalde was still occupied by approximately 2500-3000 men. It is believed that 2 units are stationed in this installation.

8. On 20 August 1955, the following vehicles left the Karlshorst cantonment (4161) in Berlin-Karlshorst in the direction of Koepenick: 4 x T-34/85s, 2 x SU-100s, 6 x 3-axle armored personnel carriers, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars, 8 trucks each carrying approximately 20 KM, 1 jeep, 1 motorcycle, 1 ambulance, and 2 field kitchens. On 24 August 1955 at approximately 2140, the following column left the Karlshorst cantonment for the Schoeneweide railroad station: 8 x 3-axle armored personnel carriers, 1 x 2-axle armored personnel carrier, 3 tank trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 repair-shop truck, 6 trucks each with mounted AAA machine guns and occupied by 3 soldiers, 4 AT guns, 4 x 76-mm field guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars, and approximately 35 trucks carrying a total of approximately 500 men. On reaching the Schoeneweide railroad station, the vehicles and weapons were entrained without delay.

At approximately 0020, 12 x T 34/85s and SPs, approximately 120-mm, which were observed for the first time in the Karlshorst cantonment, 2 repair-shop trucks and 1 truck went to the Schoeneweide railroad station. These vehicles were loaded onto a troop train which included 12 boxcars 10 of which carried personnel and 2 billeting equipment. The troop train left the Schoeneweide railroad station in the direction of Gruenau at approximately 0100.

1. Comment. This troop train carried elements of the 63d AAA Div. which were presumably transferred to the Wustrow AAA firing range.

2. Comment. Presumably elements of the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecs Army were entrained. No information is available on the destination of this troop train.

3. Comment. It is believed that the 3d Engr Regt was supplied with 3-axle amphibious vehicles.

4. Comment. Previous reports on the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde are confirmed by these observations.

5. Comment. The presence of rocket launchers in the Pionier Kaserne is reported for the first time. Possibly the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecs Army or the u/1 RL Bn of the 7th Gds Mecs Div. were transferred to the Pionier Kaserne from the Braunsdorfer-Strasse Kaserne (4501) in Fuerstenwalde or from the Ziethen Kaserne (4444) in Frankfurt/Oder respectively. The JS-tanks belong presumably to the Tank Training BN of the 7th Gds Mecs Div.

6. Comment. the Pionier Kaserne was occupied to capacity by approximately 3,000 men prior to 12 August 1955. Since no loadings were reported during the period under review, it is believed that the bulk of the units had left the Pionier Kaserne for local field exercises.

7. Comment. According to information available, the Braunsdorfer-Strasse Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde is occupied by the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecs Army (See Comment 5 of this report). Rocket launchers had been

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seen in the installation for the last time on 26 May 1954. It cannot yet be determined whether additional units are also stationed in this installation or not.

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8. Comment. On 20 and 24 August 1955, major elements of the 24th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. were transferred, presumably to the Lieberose training grounds.

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